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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit: 3738
Serial No.: 09/977,826 : Examiner: Howie Matthews
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For: BIFURCATED
ENDOLUMINAL
PROSTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Prior to examining the above-referenced application,
kindly amend this application as indicated below:

IN THE TITLE

Kindly change the title to ENDOLUMINAL STENT.

ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract which is
attached as a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19, 21, 42, and 50-53 without
prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Also, please
amend claims 20, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40, and 43, as indicated below,
and add new claims 54-62.

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